

Docents Newsletter

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Docent program

By Ruby McFarland

A friend of mine wrote at the end of her letter to me recently, a wish sent with love – it goes – "May you always have love to share, health to spare and friends who care." I was touched and wanted to share the same with all the docents and members of the Dayton Valley Historic Society.

We do a lot of good things for the society and the community each year and we're getting better at it. I hope we continue to give back to our friends and visitors at the museum. It's so important to keep records of our history and repeat it to anyone who will listen.

The native Americans appointed a story teller in each tribe to remember and pass on the history for each generation. That's the duty of our docents at the Dayton Museum. We will soon have a booklet to give all new docents. They will have a guide to learn the history so they can relate the history to visitors.

We have a few ideas for the new year and some field trips we can take.

May you all have a wonderful holiday season and a great New Year. See you then.

Docents and Friends

By Donna McElroy

Docents and Friends, Wow, it is hard to believe that the year has almost come to an end. In my reflections of this last year is has been one of challenge for my family and myself. My work with the Historical Society and Docent Program has been a true pleasure.

Working with one another in a friendly and posi-

tive manner can create good memories for us all! The work that we do as a team is light work when it is done with humor and good will. Our volunteers are such wonderful people with good hearts and strong wills. When our groups get together we can certainly move mountains! As exemplified by the mountains of items we moved for our Rummage Sale! What a wonderful job! Thank you all again for that effort.

Thank you all for helping our Docent program do so well! Hopefully 2010 will be an even better year for us all. I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the excellent work that all of the Docents have done and say that I am glad to have been a part of it. Without help from so many of you in numerous ways our organizations could not function.

Our goal to "Protect, Preserve and Promote Dayton-Area History, Historic Integrity, Heritage and Culture for the Education and Enjoyment of Present and Future Generations" has been a primary mission.

Special "Thanks" to Ruby McFarland for all of her hard work and many hours in making sure that we all had all of the information necessary to be good docents.

My many "Thanks" to Pay Neylan for all of his hard work in all that he does for us. He wears many hats and has many talents that folks are not aware of. Pat does many things in a silent way that many do not see.

Also to Vicki Kinney for her new ventures with the school program, and our success with the "Ghost Walk" and all that she does.

My appreciation also goes to Vivian, Bob and Tom and all of the other docents who work at the museum as well.

And of course, to the silent helpers such as Ron Rowe and Stony Tennant who hammer and nail

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and paint and such!

As Hillary once said, "It takes a village."

Thank you for allowing me to work with you all. It has indeed been my joy and true pleasure.

Place names in Lyon County, Nevada

Author: Mary B. Ansari

By Patrick Neylan

This is not a book to read, but sure is a book to have on hand if you are doing any other reading about Lyon County. It provides an alphabetical guide to all locations and place names in the area. I knew there was a Daney Canyon, but I never knew there was a Daney Mill or a Daney Mine in the area of Silver City. This book has many explanations about Dayton and the things that begin with Dayton, such as the Dayton Cemetery or the Dayton Consolidated Mill, or the Dayton State Park, or the Dayton, Sutro and Carson Valley Railroad. It can be a great help in filling in other local topics you may be reading about. Check it out.

This book is available at the State Museum or the Railroad Museum and is an essential companion to any reading you do that concerns the Comstock, Dayton, or any other topics that include Lyon County.

Newsletter notes

By Bob Wallace

Each of you should have noticed the date for this year's HSDV Christmas party in the November newsletter. This year's date pops up on the first Saturday of the month, which should explain its mention in last month's issue.

This issue marks the closing of our second year of **Docents Newsletter**. The next newsletter will be coming out in early February, thereby avoiding the holiday period at year's end with all the busy

days ahead as we prepare for Christmas and the New Year 2010.

Our thanks to each of the docents who has contributed to this year's newsletters. Without your effort, without your submissions, there would be lots of white space in each issue.

This last newsletter of the year is coming together while we are in Sacramento, although submissions from Ruby, Donna and Pat were picked up directly from Ruby, or via email message from Donna and Pat. With submissions in hand, one can edit a newsletter from wherever one happens to be at the moment, forwarding the results via email message with file-attach, arriving at your computer within minutes of having been sent.

Best wishes to you and yours for a . . .

Merry Christmas

and a . . .

Happy New Year 2010